

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended, claim 4 is canceled, and claims 1-3 and 5-21 are amended. Claims 1-3 and 5-21 are pending. An Abstract of the Disclosure is attached to the application. No new matter is added.

This Amendment is submitted to better conform the application to United States practice by, *inter alia*, eliminating multiple dependencies and reference numbers from the claims and adding section headings to the specification.

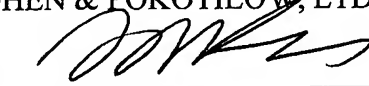
It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good form for initial examination on the merits. Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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